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HOUSE RESOLUTION 58
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A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Troop 101 of the Boy Scouts of America upon their 60th anniversary.

WHEREAS, At a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, On June 30, 2001, Boy Scout Troop 101 will celebrate 60 years of service to the youth of Kingston; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on February 8, 1910, under the laws of the District of Columbia, by W. D. Boyce; since that start, more than ninety million Boy Scouts have benefited from this noble program; and

WHEREAS, The Kingston troop was originally chartered on October 14, 1940, with American Legion Post #110 serving as the Chartering Organization, Phillip N. Albright as Scoutmaster, and T. Wesley Pickel as Troop Committee Chairman; the original group of fourteen scouts met at the Roane County High School Auditorium; and

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WHEREAS, Following a period of inactivity during World War II, Troop 101 was re-chartered on July 1, 1951, under the Kingston Lions Club with Warren G. Hayes as Scoutmaster and Clyde Grisham as Troop Committee Chairman; Eugene Banker, C. R. Fultz, Paul Drake, and Wendell Baker were the noble volunteers who provided adult leadership to the seventeen boys who registered as Scouts at that time; and

WHEREAS, In the years since, the Kingston Boy Scouts have flourished; much of their success can be attributed to an honorable and devoted string of Scoutmasters, including Phillip Albright, Eugene Banker, Bill Bartlett, Claude Boyd, Bill Carothers, Neal Dunwoody, Warren Hayes, Herman Holsopple, Russ Limburg, Walter Mayer, Horace Monday, Floyd Walker, Daniel Weber, and Alvin White; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the troop is under the able guidance of Roger Richmond; Troop 101 has also received devoted and astute service from George Ray Dailey, who has remained on the troop charter continuously for forty years and still offers his time as a volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Countless young men from Roane County have been afforded opportunities for outdoor adventure and character development due to Troop 101's existence; in the troop's sixty years of existence, it has provided the setting for many fond memories for the alumni of Kingston Scouting; and

WHEREAS, Boy Scouts of America does an outstanding job of developing American citizens who are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit; have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness; have personal values based on religious concepts; have the desire and skills to help others; understand the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental systems; are knowledgeable about and take pride in their American heritage and understand our nation's role in the world; have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people, and are prepared to participate in, and give leadership to American society; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize and honor this outstanding organization; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and commend Troop 101 of the Boy Scouts of America upon the celebration of their 60th Anniversary, reflecting with deep admiration and appreciation on their long legacy of service to youth and to American ideals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish them much success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.